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Diplomacy is telling someone to go to Hell in such a way that he looks forward to the trip.

Well, here we are thick in the wraps of Winter. I trust it doesn't surprise anyone to hear that there is snow on the ground, it has snowed three of the last four days, and the forecast for tomorrow is for snow. All together now--We're not in the snow belt!

This last time, we did get the snow removed. Of course, the mayor had to personally go out in a salt truck and wield the shovel, but it was done. It did take seven hours before they could find a salt truck that was operational, but a certain amount of breakdown is expected, we are told.

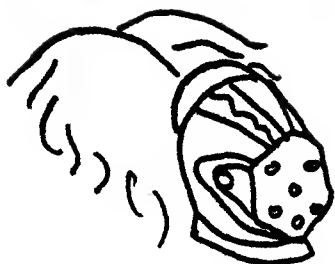
People have asked me why, if I hate winter so much, I still live in Indiana. That is a very good question.

I have come to the conclusion that Diplomacy played postally is inferior to FTF; the opposite of what I had originally thought. The difference lies in the fact that if you are losing a FTF game, in will be over in a couple of hours at the most. And probably you will get a chance to get back at the guy who got you. Postally, if you are losing a game, you are losing it over a period of several months. That's a long time to be reminded of being a loser.

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SAINT GEORGE SPEAKS

Close Encounters

Let me begin by saying I do not believe in flying saucers. Anything one has to "believe in" is automatically suspect. If something exists, one doesn't have to "believe in" it. When's the last time someone asked you if you believe in Pittsburg?

This is relevant because the effect of this movie is greatly diluted if you are not a believer. The plot is virtually non-existent. The movie asserts that there ARE flying saucers and they are going to land. And that is the sum total of the plot.

Much is made of the message of the saucers, which is revealing where they are going to land, but no attempt is made to explain why the saucers have been spending all this time playing peek-a-boo in our atmosphere, why they are here, why they have chosen the people they have to meet their ship, or indeed much of anything.

However, it is a curious thing that most "believers" don't really require explanations for these questions in the movie, as indeed they don't ask for them in real life.

However, every time I tell this to someone, they say, well, I don't think I'll go see the movie. This is a wrong attitude. The movie is definitely worth seeing, for the special effects which are quite well done. The aliens from the ship are satisfyingly alien. This was one complaint I had about Star Wars--the aliens in Cabaret were not convincing. Although some ingenuity was shown in their design and in the execution of the make-up of some, on the whole the aliens' faces did not move or give the impression of anything other than a mask. I suppose money and the amount of time needed to apply make-up had something to do with that.

Close Encounters is meant to be taken seriously as a story, unlike Star Wars which was never intended to be. On this account, CE fails. Unless you are already convinced that saucers are real, CE never comes across as convincing. I would like to see this kind of special effect used in dramatizing a good story, perhaps Hal Clements' Mission Of Gravity. But do see this movie. It is worth seeing.

You may have noticed that I did not review Damnation Alley when it was playing. There's a reason for that. Some things will go away if you ignore them. If Damnation Alley is still playing in your neighborhood, and you're wondering whether to spend your money...forget it. You'll never miss this movie.

The good news is that apparently, Ray Bradbury is working on an adaptation of his Martian Chronicles for television. One can only hope that for once they will let the author handle his own work without telling him how to do it....I also hope for peace in the Middle East.

1977CZ

Cerberus

Winter, 1903

WE SHALL GO DOWN TO THE SEA IN SHIPS

A: builds F TRI, A BUD, E: builds F EDI, G: A mun R RUH,
removes A hol, A pie, A ruh, I: builds F NAP, R: builds
F STP(SC), A MOS, T: F com R SMY, A ank R OTH

Spring, 1904

Austria(Kehrer) F tri-ADR, A bud-TRI, A VIE S A bud-TRI,
A TYO H, A MUN S A TYO, A com-SMY, F AEG S A com-SMY,
F ALB H

England(Machir) F EDI H, A par-BRE, F ENG S A par-BRE,
F bel-HOL

France(Flack) A bre-PIC, A mar-BUR, F lvp-CLY

Germany(Gibson) A WAR-pru, F KIE-ber, F BAL S F KIE-ber

Italy(Bunke) F por-SPA(SC), A GAS S F por-SPA(SC), A ven-PIE,
A apu-VEN, F tun-ION, F NAP S F tun-ION

Russia(Michalski) A nwy-SWE, F DEN S F BER-kie, F BER-kie,
F bla-ARM, F ank-CON, A gal-SIL, A MOS-war, A PRU-ber,
F STP(SC)(U) H

Turkey(McManus) F smy-com(d, r eas, syr, otb)

Underlined orders cannot be carried out. CAPS denote final resting place of unit. Only two people requested a separation of seasons, which is not enough according to the House Rules. Turkey must retreat the unit from Smy. This retreat is due with Fall orders which may be made conditional upon it.

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1977CZ PRESS--

(via Germany) just as we expected, our army in Piedmont went native, and soon there'll be thousands of little Munchmontesi!

(via Turkey) The embarking of all the survivors took place in the south. Farewells were given to Ilium and the wanderings of Ulysses' thought of the war had turned ghastly in its toll upon the lands of the Anatolia. Messages not heeded, nor allies found, and now it's all but at an end. Westward lies Syracuse, a source of hope, but unwilling to commit itself to the struggle until too late. The West is in Turmoil, but the East gathers strength.

1976IF

Leviathan

Fall, 1906

RUSSIA SUFFERS LOSSES TO GERMANS IN NORTH

Austria(Nurse) A gre-BUL, A SRB S A gre-BUL, A gal-rum(d,
 r sil, otb) A BUD S A gal-rum, A VIE-gal (A bul R GRE)
 England(Rogowski) NMR A lvp h(d, a)
 France(Gable) F mao-SPA(SC) F iri-MAO, A MAR H, A wal-LVP,
 A YOR S A wal-LVP, F NWG-edi
 Germany(Berch) A bel-NWY, F NTH C A bel-NWY, A DEN-swe,
 A STP S A bel-NWY, F KIE-bal, A sil-MUM, A pru-WAR
 Italy(Heyerlein) F AEG S Austrian A gre-BUL, F eas-SMY,
 F tyn-WES, A PIE-mar, A VEN H
 Russia(McLendon)(A gal R BOH) F CLY-edi, F BAR-nwg, F SWE-bal
 A ukr-GAL, A BOH S A ukr-GAL, A RUM S A bul, A SEV S A RUM,
 A bul S A RUM(d, r con, otb), F BLA S A bul

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SUPPLY CENTER CHART

1976IF

Leviathan

1906

AUSTRIA: bud, bul, ~~xxx~~, srb, tri, vie.....5, even 1  
 annihilated  
 ENGLAND: ~~lvp~~.....0, out  
 FRANCE: bre, lon, mar, par, por, spa, LVP.....7, build 1  
 GERMANY: bel, ber, den, hol, kie, mun, nwy, STP, WAR.....9, build 2  
 ITALY: gre, nap, rom, tun, ven, SMY.....6, build 1  
 RUSSIA: ank, con, edi, mos, ~~stp~~, sev, ~~swf~~, swe, ~~war~~, RUM...7, remove 2

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 DEADLINE FOR WINTER, 1906 & SPRING, 1907 IS FEBRUARY 11, 1978 12NOON EST  
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1976IF Press--

Rumania(Via Austria): The Czar wishes to say that the larger a country is, the worse it tastes, and that 10 centers is pretty damned inedible. He also calls the Emperor of Austria a fink and a cheat and is resolved to make this cannibal choke on him. Meanwhile, he has presented a delectable rear end for the Germans, but the big question is: was he caught with his pants down ?

((My apologies to the German player for not printing his press of last season. However, the format in which it was presented was not the customary one, and since so many players comment on the game to me, I don't print anything if there is a question as to whether it was meant to be.))

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1976R

Medusa

Fall, 1910

GERMANY STABBED; ENGLAND MAKES CRUCIAL MISTAKE



Medusa

Austria(McArdle) A MAR H, A tyo-PIE, A vie-TYO, A BOM-sil,  
 A gal-WAR, A UKR S A gal-WAR, A SEV-mos, A bud-GAL,  
 F ELA H  
 England(Kelly) F POR S F spa(sc), F spa(sc)(nsu) S F mao,  
 F SPA(NC)(U) H, F ENG C A GAS-bel, F nth-DEN, A nwy-STP,  
 A bur-RUH, A GAS-bel, A ruh-HOL, F bal-SWE, F mao(d, r  
 bre, iri, nat, otb) C A GAS-bel  
 Germany(Cohen) A KIE H, A MUN H, A BER H, A SIL H, A LVN H,  
 A MOS H, A war h(d, a)  
 Italy(Drews) F LYO S Austrian A MAR, F naf-MAO, F WES S  
 F naf-MAO, A ROM H, F ion-TYN, A ARM S Austrian A SEV(OTM)

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SUPPLY CENTER CHART

1976R

Medusa

1910

AUSTRIA: ank, bud, mar, ~~ph~~, rum, srb, tri, ven, vie,
 SEV, WAR.....10, build 1
 ENGLAND: bel, bre, edi, hol, lvp, lon, nwy, par, por,
 spa, DEN, STP, SWE.....13, build 3
 GERMANY: ber, ~~ph~~, kie, mos, mun, ~~ph~~, ~~ph~~, ~~ph~~, ~~ph~~..... 4, remove 2
 ITALY: bul, con, gre, nap, smy, tun, ROM..... 7, build 1

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1976BM

Cyclops

Spring, 1909

SHOWDOWN



CYCLOPS

Austria(Muchnik) A MUN-bur, A TYO-mun, F spa(sc)-POR,
 F lyo-SPA(SC), A SRB H, A MAR-gas, F tun-NAF, A TUS-pie,
 A PIE-mar, F WES-mao
 France(Michalski) F WAL-lvp, A RUH S A BUR-bel, A BUR-bel
 Russia(Bresslour) A pru-SIL, A BER S A pru-SIL, A KIE H,
 A bel-PIC, A lon-BRE, F sev-RUM, F ENG C A lon-BRE, F IRI-lvp
F MAO-gas, F HOL-bel, F NTH S F HOL-bel

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1976BA

The Basilisk

Spring, 1910

AUSTRIA AND RUSSIA IN CONFLICT AS GERMANY PREPARES TO
LEAVE THE CONTINENT

Austria(Hessel) A tyo-MUN, A BOH S A tyo-MUN, A BER S
A tyo-MUN, A vie-GAL, A BUD S A vie-GAL, A tri-SRE,
A BUL-com, F GRE S F ion-AEG, F ion-AEG, F tyn-ION,
A PIE-mar, F WES S French A por-SPA
England(Rogowski) NMR F DEN H, F EDI H, F NWG H
France(McLendon) F iri-MAO, F eng-LON, A gas-mar(d, r bre,
otb), A por-SPA
Germany(Mann II) A KIE-den, F NTH C A bel-YOR, A bel-YOR
Italy(Kelly) F spa(sc)-mar(d, r lyo, otb)
Russia(Anderson) A bur-GAS, A PAR S A bur-GAS, A pic-BUR,
F SWE S German F NTH-den(nso), A stp-MOS, F aeg-con(d, r
eas, smy, otb), F sev-BLA, A WAR-gal, A NWY H, F BAL-ber

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of unit. The proposed Austro-Russian draw is defeated. See Medusa for
Kelly's COA. Cecil Nurse, Apt, 903, 60 Pavane Linkway, Toronto, Ontario
M3C 1A2 is asked to submit standby orders for England. France must re-
treat the army from Gascony; Italy must retreat the unit from Spain;
Russia must retreat the fleet from the Aegean Sea. These retreats are
due with Fall orders and may be made conditional upon them.

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PLUG

I have received 2 progress reports from a group which is putting on
TEXCON the weekend of March 10-12, 1978 at the Stephen F. Austin Hotel
in Austin Texas. They appear to be involved in putting on a good
wargaming convention. Several of the events sound interesting to me,
and I'm really on interested in Diplomacy. Unfortunately, time and
money prevent my attending. A fact I regret since Dr. Jerry Pournelle
a favorite author of mine will be a GoH. Dr. Pournelle, I believe, was
active in postal Diplomacy at one time.

If you are interested in Texcon, further information can be obtained
by writing: TEXCON, P. O. Box 12385, Attn: Dan Kagan, Austin, TX 78711.

1976JW

The Phoenix

Spring, 1907



The Phoenix

England(McLendon) F edi-CLY, A YOR-lvp
France(Machir) F mar-LYO, A bel-BUR, A wal-LON, F ENG S
A wal-LON, F IRI-nat, A LVP S German F nth-EDI,
F bar-STP(NC)
Germany(Bunke) A pie-TUS, A mun-TYO, A BOH S A mun-TYO,
A ruh-MUN, F nth-EDI, F den-NTH, F NWY S F den-NTH
Italy(Mann II) A tyo-boh(d, r pie,tri, otb) A VIE-gal,
A BUD S A VIE-gal, A tri-VEN, A SRE-rum, F EUL(SC)-con,
A AEG & F EAS S A CON-smy, A CON*smy, A APU S A tri-VEN,
F ion-TYN
Russia(Gibson) F NWG-nat, A UKR-rum, A GAL S Turkish
A RUM-bud
Turkey(Staud) A SMY-con, F BLA S A SMY-con, F ANK S A SMY-con
A RUM-bud

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of unit. The I-F-G draw has failed. Italy must retreat the unit from
Tyrolia. This retreat will be due with Fall, 1907 orders which may be
made conditional upon it.

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1976JW Press--

Mossy Cowbell: Do we hear draw calls croaking across the Euro-pond?
Quoth the Raven, Nevermore !

DIPLOMACY ORGANIZATIONS

Right now there is an argument within the ranks of postal Diplomacy
players over which organization represents Diplomacy "fandom". When
I entered the hobby in May, 1975, a similar disagreement was taking
place. At that time the IDA and TDA were the participants. Today,
IDA and IDA*NA are the leading contenders.

I was a member at one time of the IDA. When it became time for re-
newing my membership, I chose not to, because I could not see any
benefits of membership. I still can't. However, if you choose to join,

IDA: Chuck Doehrer % Satirist Press, P. O. Box 1832, Chicago, IL 60690
IDA-NA: Bob Hartwig, 304 Slater Hall, U. of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa 52242

I met Bob Hartwig at Gencon last year and Chuck Dohrer has been a
player in Cyclops. They both seem like reasonable individuals. Should
either organization demonstrate that it has a function, I will be able
to recommend it more highly.

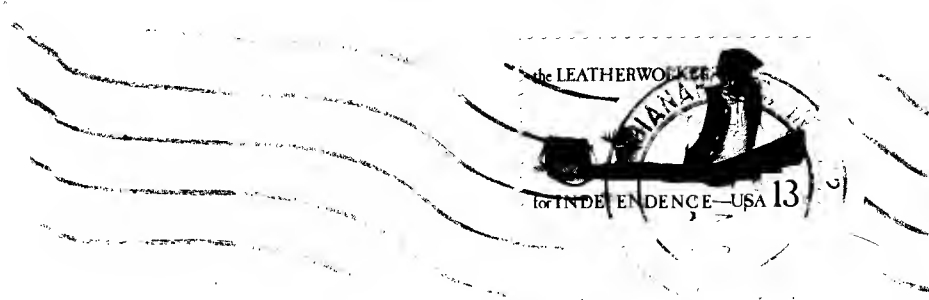
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NOTE

I am no longer taking Saturday classes. So I will be home to take calls until 12 NOON. Orders received after that time will not be accepted. Do not call me during the week after 10 PM Eastern Standard Time.

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